

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Advisory Action of January 11, 2008 (Advisory Action), and are concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time. The Examiner is expressly authorized to charge any and all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

With regard to the comments in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Advisory Action, it is noted that Claims 16 and 34-35 have been amended to clearly recite a computer system, which is a machine within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Applicants thus respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

With regard to the comments in paragraphs 3-4 of the Advisory Action, Applicants do not agree that a combination of Boukobza and Putzolu would result in Applicants' invention.

As already discussed in the response to the previous Office Action, and as acknowledged by the Examiner, Boukobza does not disclose moving the host within the grid environment and responsively moving the ghost agent in accordance with the movement of the host. Even if Putzulo is read as teaching moving a host within a grid environment, Putzulo does not teach or suggest responsively moving the ghost agent in accordance with the movement of the host. It is not clear how one of ordinary skill in the art would obtain from a combination of Boukobza and Putzolu the concept of responsively moving the ghost agent in accordance with the movement of the host when Boukobza only teaches that an autonomous agent is installed in each node to be monitored, and Putzolu only teaches that the host is movable. Further, it is noted that in Boukobza a specific node, not a specific host, is what is being monitored by a ghost

installed in that specific node. Thus, there is no reason to move the ghost in accordance with the movement of the host.

With regard to the comments in paragraphs 5-6 on page 2 of the Advisory Action, it is noted that Applicants have not tried to attack the references individually. Rather, Applicants' arguments as quoted in paragraph 5 on page 2 of the Advisory Action were made in response to the Examiner's comments in paragraph 32 on page 9 of the final Office Action dated October 19, 2007. It was asserted in paragraph 32 on page 9 of the final Office Action that since Boukobza teaches that specific modules are created for monitoring certain types of objects (col. 2, lines 30-38) and Putzolu teaches that software objects are movable, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to include specific modules as taught by Boukobza for monitoring the agents in Putzolu. However, the inclusion of specific modules for monitoring the agents does not result in nor suggest responsively moving the ghost agent in accordance with the movement of the host as taught by the present invention.

Clearly, neither Boukobza nor Putzolu, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests moving an associated ghost software object from a first grid to a second grid in response to moving the host software object from the first grid to the second grid, as recited in the independent claims. The independent claims are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the prior art and, accordingly, the dependent claims are likewise believed to be patentable as well since each depends from one of the independent claims while reciting additional features.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the claims rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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